

SENATE BILL NO. 435

BY SENATORS BROOME, ALARIO, BROWN, BUFFINGTON, CROWE, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, HEITMEIER, JOHNS, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MURRAY, NEVERS, PETERSON, GARY SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH AND WARD AND REPRESENTATIVES BARROW, STUART BISHOP, COX, GREENE, HARRIS, HAVARD, HODGES, HOLLIS, KATRINA JACKSON, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, NORTON, ORTEGO, PIERRE, PRICE, REYNOLDS, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT AND THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:541.1, relative to human trafficking; to provide that certain establishments
3 shall post information regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource Center
4 hotline; to provide for the form and content of the posting; to provide for languages
5 in which the information is to be posted; to provide for certain departments to notify
6 affected establishments of the requirements; to provide for a civil penalty; and to
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 15:541.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **§541.1. Posting of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline;**
11 **content; languages; notice; civil penalty**

12 **A. All of the following establishments shall be required to post**
13 **information regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource Center**
14 **hotline:**

15 **(1) Every massage parlor, spa, or hotel that has been found to be a**
16 **public nuisance for prostitution as set forth in R.S. 13:4711.**

17 **(2) Every strip club or other sexually-oriented business as set forth in**
18 **R.S. 37:3558(C).**

19 **(3) Every highway truck stop or highway rest stop.**

20 **B. (1) Such information shall be posted prominently both inside and**

1 outside the premises described in Subsection A of this Section.

2 (2) Such posting shall be no smaller than eight and one-half inches by
3 eleven inches and shall contain the following wording in bold typed print of not
4 less than fourteen-point font:

5 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity
6 and cannot leave, whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any
7 other activity, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at
8 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services.

9 The victims of human trafficking are protected under U.S. law and the
10 laws of Louisiana.

11 The hotline consists of the following services:

12 (a) Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

13 (b) Toll-free.

14 (c) Operated by a non-profit, non-governmental organization.

15 (d) Anonymous and confidential.

16 (e) Accessible in 170 languages.

17 (f) Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general
18 information".

19 (3) The posting shall be printed in English, Louisiana French, Spanish,
20 and any other languages that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
21 shall require.

22 C. The following departments of the state shall provide each
23 establishment described in Subsection A of this Section over which that
24 department exercises any regulatory control or authority with the notice
25 required by this Section. The departments shall post on their websites a sample
26 of the posting described in Subsection B of this Section which shall be accessible
27 for download. The departments are as follows:

28 (1) Department of Revenue.

29 (2) Department of Transportation and Development.

30 D. A civil penalty of five hundred dollars shall be assessed for each

1 violation of this Section. The departments listed in Subsection C of this Section
2 are charged with the enforcement of this Section and may assess the civil
3 penalty.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____